

Agenda Item: VI.

DATE: January 27, 2005

SUBJECT: Improving Teacher Quality Grant Program Supplemental Awards,
2004-05

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Approval

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Operating as Title II of the No Child Left Behind Act, the Improving Teacher Quality Grant Program is a federally funded program which provides grants to public and private higher education institutions and non-profit organizations. Administered in Tennessee by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, these grants are designed to conduct training for K-12 teachers, paraprofessionals and principals. Eligible subject areas include Mathematics, Science, English/Language Arts, Social Studies, Foreign Languages (including English as a Second Language) and related Arts. The Commission adopted a State plan and created an Advisory Committee to review grant proposals and make funding recommendations to the Commission. This year's Advisory Committee is listed on Attachment A.

The attached materials present the projects and funding levels recommended by the Advisory Committee. The recommended projects reflect those that provide maximum effectiveness in involvement of instructional effort for public and private K-12 schools in Tennessee.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED: At its November 18, 2004 meeting, the Commission approved nineteen (19) grants totaling \$1,299,185. After receipt of all final reports, \$75,000 was available to fund 3 additional grant proposals. The supplemental awards were based on grants that received a moderate to high approval from the Committee.

OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE:

<u>Grant Funded</u>	<u>Amount Funded</u>
The Tennessee Aquarium	\$16,767
Maryville College	\$33,591
Tennessee Technological University	<u>\$24,642</u>
	\$75,000

ATTACHMENT A
2004-05
IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Tennessee Higher Education Commission

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Tennessee State University

**ATTACHMENT B
RECOMMENDED SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECTS FOR 2004-2005**

PUBLIC FOUR YEAR INSTITUTIONS

<u>Tennessee Technological University</u>	\$24,642
Dr. Susan Gore	
“Effective Math Teaching Strategies”	

**PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS &
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

<u>Maryville College</u>	\$33,591
Dr. Terry Simpson	
“Providing Science Teachers in Grades 4-8 with Equipment and Strategies for Implementing a Science Program that Emphasis Discovery and Exploration”	

<u>Tennessee Aquarium</u>	\$16,767
Ms. Kathleen Meehan Coop	
“Ocean Journey: Exploring the Flower Garden Banks and Beyond”	